

Service, Library of Congress; Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia; Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; and Michael Wara, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unemployment insurance benefits, after receiving testimony from Beth Shulman, National Employment Law Project, Douglas J. Holmes, UWC—Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation, Karen Campbell, The Heritage Foundation, and Gary Burtless, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas S. Whitaker, North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Raleigh, on behalf of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, and Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, all of the Department of State, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine security clearance reform, focusing on modernization, progress in reducing delays at the Department of Defense, improving executive reports to Congress and, the extent to which joint reform efforts reflect key factors in reform, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; John Berry, Director, United States Office of Personnel Management; James R. Clapper, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; David R. Shedd, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Policy, Plans and Requirements, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

MENTAL ILLNESS IN U.S. PRISONS AND JAILS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine human rights, focusing on mental illness in United States prisons and jails, after receiving testimony from Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Samuel Bagenstos, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Mary Lou Leary, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, all of the Department of Justice; Gary D. Maynard, Secretary, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Towson; Michael P. Randle, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, Springfield; Kathryn E. Zenoff, Presiding Justice, Second Appellate Court of Illinois, Rockford; and David L. Fuller, Manhattan Outreach Consortium, Brooklyn, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3563–3578; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 185; and H. Res. 744, 747 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 745, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3246) to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial

application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy (H. Rept. 111–255) and H. Res. 746, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 111–256).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Speier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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